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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--29 DECEMBER 1962

1. CUBA:

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A. HIGH-ALTITUDE PHOTOGRAPHY ON THURSDAY SHOWED WHAT APPEARED TO BE TEN FROG (SHORT-RANGE TACTICAL) MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AT A PIER IN MARIEL; PHOTOS TAKEN SEVERAL HOURS LATER SHOWED THAT A FREIGHTER HAD ARRIVED AT THE SAME PIER AND HAD OPENED ITS HATCHES.

B. WE COULD BE SEEING THE FIRST SIGN OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF AT LEAST SOME SOVIET GROUND FORCE ELEMENTS, ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT BE SURE UNTIL WE SEE NEW PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE SOVIET ARMORED ENCAMPMENTS.

2. USSR:

A. AMBASSADOR KOHLER HAS REPORTED HIS CONCERN OVER A DEVELOPING ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN, APPARENTLY AIMED AT INTIMIDATING RUSSIANS FROM CONTACT WITH AMERICAN PERSONNEL. THIS IS NOW ACCOMPANIED BY AN INCREASE IN JAMMING OF VOA RUSSIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS--IN SOME AREAS TO THE SATURATION POINT.

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B. WE BELIEVE THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP IS REACTING TO THE PENKOVSKY CASE WITH ITS USUAL SENSITIVITY TO SUCH MATTERS, AND IS TRYING TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT DISCOURAGING TO OTHER PENKOVSKYS. IF SO, THE CAMPAIGN DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN A HARDENING OF BASIC SOVIET POLICY TOWARD THE US.

C. A BRITISH CORRESPONDENT HAS HEARD THAT THE TRIAL OF WYNNE, THE ENGLISHMAN INVOLVED IN THE CASE, WILL BE VERY BRIEF AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY HIS EXCHANGE FOR "SOMEONE IN ENGLAND." KOHLER GUESSES FROM THIS AND OTHER HINTS FLOATING AROUND THAT PENKOVSKY'S TRIAL WILL BE CLOSED, WITH WYNNE'S PUBLIC.

3. INDIA/PAKISTAN:

A. ABOUT THE MOST THAT CAN BE SAID ABOUT THE TALKS SO FAR IS THAT NO ONE HAS GONE OFF IN A HUFF AND THAT A SECOND ROUND HAS BEEN SCHEDULED.

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C. [REDACTED] THE CHINESE APPEAR TO HAVE AGREED TO A BORDER LINE WHICH THE PAKISTANIS CONSIDER TO BE BETTER THAN THEY EXPECTED TO GET. THE RUB WILL COME WHEN SURVEYS BEGIN IN EARNEST.

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D. SO FAR WE HAVE SEEN NO EXCESSIVELY BITTER REMARK FROM THE INDIANS AND AYUB HAS MADE AN EFFORT TO SMOOTH THINGS OVER.

4. INDONESIA:

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A. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT, IN ADDITION TO MAJOR DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL EFFORTS TO FRUSTRATE THE FORMATION OF MALAYSIA, SUKARNO DECIDED ABOUT A WEEK AGO ON A PARAMILITARY PROGRAM TO GIVE FURTHER SUPPORT TO AZAHARI'S REBELS AND OTHER LIKE-MINDED ELEMENTS IN NORTHERN BORNEO. HE WAS FULLY BRIEFED ON THE WEAKNESS AND DISORGANIZATION OF AZAHARI'S REBELS, BUT DECIDED AZAHARI COULD NOT BE ABANDONED.

C. HE HAS ORDERED THAT A NEW TRAINING PROGRAM BE SET UP FOR GUERRILLAS AND THAT REBELS FLEEING INTO INDONESIAN TERRITORY BE REGROUPED AND FITTED INTO THIS PROGRAM. GUERRILLAS ARE TO BE TRAINED FOR OPERATIONS IN SARAWAK AND NORTH BORNEO AS WELL AS BRUNEI.

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E. WE SEE MORE SIGNS THAT THE INDONESIANS ARE EYEING PORTUGUESE TIMOR HUNGRILY, BUT THEY DO NOT NECESSARILY POINT

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TO ACTION IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. [REDACTED]

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5. USSR/INDONESIA:

A. [REDACTED]

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THE USSR WOULD DO "EVERYTHING POSSIBLE" TO MAKE IT EASY FOR INDONESIA TO REPAY ITS DEBT. [REDACTED] AN ECONOMIC TEAM IN JANUARY TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS.

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B. FOR OVER A MONTH, THE INDONESIANS HAVE BEEN AGONIZING OVER OTHER SOVIET STATEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT WHICH LED THEM TO BELIEVE THAT SPECIAL CONDITIONS MIGHT BE ATTACHED TO RESCHEDULING THE DEBT PAYMENTS. [REDACTED]

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C. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THIS OFFER, HOWEVER, IS REMINISCENT OF THE USSR'S ATTITUDE TOWARD INDONESIA LAST SUMMER WHEN IT WAS TRYING TO INDUCE SUKARNO TO COMMIT HIMSELF TO MILITARY ACTION AGAINST WEST IRIAN. [REDACTED]

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D. MEANWHILE, SOVIET ARMS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE [REDACTED]

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7. CONGO:

A. THE DIE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CAST IN KATANGA; UN CONGO CHIEF GARDINER SAYS UN MILITARY ACTION WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS TSHOMBE CONTINUES TO RESIST.

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B. THE FIGHTING WHICH ERUPTED THURSDAY NIGHT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ON KATANGAN INITIATIVE, BUT THE UN IS FOLLOWING THROUGH AFTER UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO GET TSHOMBE TO EFFECT A CEASE-FIRE.

C. UN FORCES CONTROL ELISABETHVILLE AND ARE MOVING TO CLEAR KATANGAN ROADBLOCKS AROUND THE CITY. THERE ARE SOME LATE SUGGESTIONS OF INCREASING KATANGAN RESISTANCE.

D. FURTHER UN MOVES ARE PLANNED AGAINST MAJOR MINING CENTERS. UN OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK, HOWEVER, ARE WORRIED LEST "POLITICAL EVENTS" FOLLOWING THE CLEANUP OF ELISABETHVILLE PREVENT SUCH MOVES, FOR WHICH IT WILL TAKE 2-3 WEEKS TO READY THEIR FORCES.

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AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED IN THE INITIAL STRIKES.

F. THERE IS SOME QUESTION AS TO WHETHER TSHOMBE ESCAPED ELISABETHVILLE YESTERDAY EVENING; A UN SPOKESMAN CLAIMED EARLY TODAY HE WAS IN HIS HOME, WHICH WAS IN UN HANDS. LAST NIGHT IT WAS BELIEVED HE HAD JOINED HIS MINISTERS IN KIPUSHI, SOUTH-WEST OF ELISABETHVILLE ON THE NORTHERN RHODESIAN BORDER, WHERE THEY FLED WHEN THE FIGHTING BEGAN.

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[REDACTED] THE MERCEN-
ARIES, THE KEY TO ANY EFFECTIVE KATANGAN MILITARY ACTION.

H. RHODESIAN FORCES ARE BEING MOVED TO THE KATANGA
BORDER AS A "PRECAUTION." [REDACTED]

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8. NOTES:

A. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: WE HAVE NO LIGHT TO SHED ON AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT EARLY TODAY THAT IT HAD SUPPRESSED A PEASANT REVOLT NEAR THE HAITIAN BORDER. [REDACTED]

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B. ECUADOR: MILITARY LEADERS ARE WORKING TOWARD A JUNTA TO TAKE OVER FROM PRESIDENT AROSEMENA, BUT SO FAR SEEM UNABLE TO AGREE ON A PLAN. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WE WOULD NOT BET AGAINST A MOVE AT ANY TIME.

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D. USSR: THE LATEST SOVIET SATELLITE IS STILL UP DESPITE SOME SIGNS THAT YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO BRING IT DOWN MAY HAVE BEEN PLANNED EARLY TODAY. [REDACTED]

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E. BRAZIL: THE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON IS MAKING A MAJOR EFFORT TO SOFTEN UP THE US PRESS, HOPING TO "DIMINISH THE INTERPRETIVE DISTORTIONS ABOUT THE BRAZILIAN CRISIS."

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